

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 1, 1999
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

KING PARKER, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON; BOB EDWARDS; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; DAVID DEAN, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; MICHAEL KATTERMANN, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; PAUL KUSAKABE, Fiscal Services Director; LIN WILSON, Transportation Design Supervisor; ROD SCHINDLER, Engineering Specialist; COMMANDER DENNIS GERBER, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION

Groundhog Job Shadow Day –
February 2, 1999

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring February 2, 1999, to be “Groundhog Job Shadow Day” in the City of Renton, during which students will shadow professionals from all walks of life in an effort to see how the skills learned in school are put into action in the workplace. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Neighborhood Program
Liaisons Recognition

Mike Kattermann, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning, announced that the City launched its Neighborhood Program two years ago. The program, designed to improve the delivery of municipal services, pairs City staff members with specific areas of Renton. All the involved employees have voluntarily donated unpaid, off-work hours to ensure the success of the program.

With Mayor Tanner’s assistance, Mr. Kattermann recognized the following Neighborhood Program liaisons: Sandy Chastain, Community Relations Specialist; Garry Anderson, Chief of Police; Karen Marshall, Human Services Manager; Gerry Rerecich, Recreation Manager; Don Persson, Deputy Police Chief; Rebecca Lind, Principal Planner; Ray Sled, Water Maintenance Manager; Bonnie Rerecich, Recreation Supervisor; Julie Brewer, Development Assistant; Curtis Smalling, Police Commander; Pat Miller, Maintenance Services Worker; Bob Deines, Fire Captain; Don Erickson, Senior Planner; Neil Watts, Plan Review Supervisor; and Sonja Mejlaender, Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator.

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Improvement District:
No. 336, Burlington Northern
RR Crossing at 3700 Lake
Wash. Blvd N

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the final assessment roll for Local Improvement District (LID) No. 336; improvements to a Burlington Northern railroad crossing serving a public lake park at 3700 Lake Washington Blvd.; total final assessment cost – \$76,880.64.

Rod Schindler, Engineering Specialist, explained that residents who had been crossing a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad right-of-way by permit to access their homes petitioned the City to create a public crossing to relieve them of an insurance mandate by BNSF. Of the 23 parcels affected by this action, 14 property owners (61%) signed the petition to form an LID. The City Council approved the establishment of the LID in 1993, using the buildable lot assessment method with the City participating as one buildable lot. This was due to the fact that City-owned vehicles use the crossing to access Kennydale Beach Park and nearby sanitary sewer facilities for maintenance purposes.

After the City approved the LID, the crossing was reconstructed to meet current Code standards in order to minimize City liability. The paved distance on the west side of the railroad tracks was extended from four feet to 20 feet, ensuring a sight distance safe zone for vehicles approaching from the west as well as those approaching from the east. It also allows the postal service to park delivery vehicles safely off the tracks. Following the contractor's acceptance of the final construction payment, Burlington Northern installed the new crossing in August of 1998.

Mr. Schindler stated that all construction is now complete and the facility is available for use. Staff recommends that Council accept the final cost of the LID at \$76,880.64, with each of the 24 participants responsible for \$3,203.36 of the cost. Staff additionally recommends a maximum payment term length of five years with an interest rate of 6.5%.

Responding to Councilman Edwards, Mr. Schindler confirmed that this project was considered and approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC).

Councilman Corman asked if the City would be liable for an accident occurring at this location, now that the sight distance has been improved. Assistant City Attorney David Dean replied that this would depend on what specifically caused any particular accident; however, when a facility is built to transportation standards and well-maintained, one or more drivers is typically found to be at fault.

Audience comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF LID NO. 336 AS PRESENTED, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$76,880.54; AND REQUIRE EACH OF THE 24 PARTICIPANTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR \$3,203.36 OF THE COST (MAXIMUM PAYMENT TERM LENGTH OF FIVE YEARS WITH AN INTEREST RATE OF 6.5%). CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * Renton's web site received Votenet's award as an Outstanding Political Web Site. This award recognizes web sites that contribute to the spread of democracy.
- * The Renton Senior Advisory Committee donated \$6,000 toward the purchase

of new computers for the Renton Senior Activity Center computer lab.

Regarding Renton's web site, Councilman Corman suggested that the City register the domain name "www.renton.gov" to link to www.ci.renton.wa.us, since many web users instinctively type in the former name in an effort to locate the official site. Mayor Tanner agreed this was a good suggestion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Finance: Y2K Compliant
Utility Billing Software &
Meter Reading System

Finance & Information Services Department recommended approval of a contract with Springbrook Software for Y2K compliant utility billing software, and additionally requested authorization to purchase a Y2K compliant meter reading system from Western Utilities Supply Company at a total combined cost of \$225,000. Refer to Finance Committee.

Public Works: SW 27th St
Culvert Replacement, RW
Beck, CAG-98-031

Surface Water Utility Division recommended an addendum in the amount of \$111,743 to CAG-98-031, contract with R.W. Beck, Inc. for the SW 27th St. culvert replacement project to complete the final design and preparation of all required permit applications. Council concur.

Transportation: *Flexpass*
Program (WSDOT Funding;
King County Contract)

Transportation Division recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to receive up to \$7,500 in grant funds to implement a *Flexpass* program for City employees, and additionally recommended approval of a contract with King County's Transit Division (Metro) to implement the program on a one-year trial basis. Refer to Transportation Committee.

Transportation: Commute Trip
Reduction Services, King
County

Transportation Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of \$47,459 with King County for the provision of Commute Trip Reduction services to affected employers in the City of Renton. Refer to Transportation Committee.

Utility: Cedar River Water &
Sewer District, Boundary
Agreement

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with the Cedar River Water and Sewer District describing mutual water and sewer service boundaries. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 166640, 166641 & 167194 - 167572 and three wire transfers totaling \$3,913,078.85; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 164706 - 164723 and 124 direct deposits in the total amount of \$56,860.00. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Council: 2/15/99 Meeting
Cancellation

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CANCEL THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 1999, IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:14 p.m.

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
February 1, 1999

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

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